

## EXECUTIVE BOARD CALLS UPON CHURCHES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INVENTORY — NOVEMBER DATES PROPOSED

Since 1973 the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has been working with selected UCC Conferences and Associations in the development of mission strategies, seeking to better understand and to direct efforts toward the mission to which God calls the Church in particular locations throughout the country.

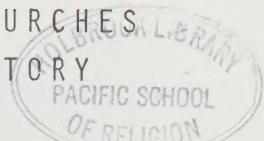
Sound planning occurs when actual facts are known. The purpose of the Church Membership Inventory in the Conference is to get the facts which are needed to plan realistically. The CMI will provide the opportunity to assess effectiveness and potential. By discovering the types of persons who participate currently in the churches of the Conference and comparing this information with information concerning the persons who are now in the area the Conference covers and those who will be in this area in the future, it is possible to plan more effectively for the future both as a Conference and as local congregations.

The Conference Executive Board has voted to ask all of Central Pacific Conference churches to participate in the Church Membership Inventory. The cost of the local congregation is \$30. This figure covers only part of the cost of the CMI; namely, the time of a keypunch operator and the cost of the computer which the Board for Homeland Ministries uses. Staff time for interpretation of the results and strategizing for mission will be shared by the Conference and BHM. In addition, any church which does not feel it can contribute the \$30 for the program can ask the Conference to pay it for them. Money has been set aside in the budget for such a purpose. Why? Because the Executive Board feels that the CMI will be worth the investment both to the Conference and local churches.

What are those benefits? While part of the material will confirm what members of a congregation already know about their church, other material might provide new and surprising information. Evangelism, stewardship, education and outreach ministries are but a few of the areas that have been affected in churches already completing the CMI. In the long run, the Conference and national agencies will be able to provide more realistic program and materials options to local church situations.

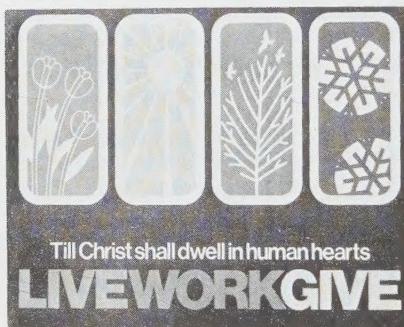
BHM has asked that the Inventory be completed in Conference churches on the first two Sundays in November, 4 and 11. It requires approximately 10 minutes to complete the Inventory. Churches will receive copies of the Inventory along with instructions for their use.

Bill Elliott, Wilsonville, has been hired to manage this special project. Persons with further questions can contact Bill at 682-0147.



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS....

That Christ shall dwell in human hearts, that this is God's purpose, we have no doubt. That God has called us to participate in the mission of bringing this to pass, we do not question. That this mission will require of us the dedication of our life and work, we do not dispute. Yet, when it is brought to our attention that this mission will require of us not only our living and our working, but also our giving, we sometimes begin to balk.



In these days of ever-increasing inflation, it is more important than ever for every member of the United Church to consider the question: How Much Shall I Give? The tendency to measure our giving to the work of the church by what we have done in the past is simply not adequate, for it costs more each year for the church to carry out its work. Therefore, it is imperative for each of us to measure our gifts against our ability to give in the light of our total resources.

ing first Western Regional Women's Meeting at Asilomar!

The Women's Association and the Women's Advisory Com. have scholarship money available to women who want to attend the meeting. It is hoped that costs can be divided equally by participants, churches they are from, and the Conference. More details on the meeting will follow.

## EMPOWERING THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY IS TOPIC FOR NORTHWEST GATHERING

"Empowering the Church in Society" is the focus of a workshop for laypersons and clergy sponsored by the United Church of Christ Office of Church in Society (OCIS), United Ministries of Washington/North Idaho, and the Central Pacific Conference. To be convened at the United Churches of Olympia, November 9-10, the conference is designed to help persons who want training for action on issues and theological study related to social action.

The agenda will also allow time for orientation on several selected issues, the opportunity for OCIS to hear the concerns of church members and an introduction to OCIS Constituency Development materials.

Information has been sent to all churches with an outline of the program and registration materials. Some scholarship money is available by contacting Gene Ross at the Conference Office. Car pools will be arranged as well as housing. For further information contact Gene Ross.

## THE FIRST WESTERN REGIONAL WOMEN'S MEETING AT ASILOMAR

Plans for the first Western Regional Meeting, to be held at Asilomar, Calif. on March 2-5, 1980, are progressing!

Earlier this year in March, representatives from Northern California, Southern California, Central Pacific, Hawaii, Montana-Northern Wyoming, Rocky Mountain, Southwest, and Washington-North Idaho Conferences came together in San Francisco to discuss and plan for a women's meeting in 1980 that will seek to enable women to recognize their potentials, gifts, and contributions strive for reconciliation, move out to encourage others, and together bring fresh vision and action to the church and society.

Students, housewives, mothers, working/professional women, grandmothers and great-grandmothers are urged to set aside March 2-3-4-5, 1980, to participate in this excit-

## CHURCH AND AGING TASK FORCE RECEIVES HEALTH AND WELFARE GRANT

Members of the Conference Task Force on the Church and Aging were surprised recently when they received a letter from Helen Webber, General Secretary of the Division of Health and Welfare, Board for Homeland Ministries, which included a \$500 grant to support the work of the Task Force. Gene Ross, Interim Conference Minister, reported his surprise and gratitude for the grant to members of the Task Force. He indicated that he had submitted a report on the goals and programs established by the Task Force but had no idea that the report would be the basis for the grant.

At their October 16 meeting, members of the Task Force voted to use a portion of the grant to subsidize travel costs of local church liaison persons to cluster meetings which will be designed to build a Conference-wide team of persons working on the church and aging issue.

More information about these cluster meetings will be sent to local churches when the details have been worked out. In the meantime, according to Task Force Chairperson, Dr. M. A. F. Ritchie, all churches are urged to appoint a liaison person with whom the Task Force can work in addressing the issues of aging in the local church.

## CONFERENCE CHURCHES ARE ADVISED THAT....

Both the sanctuary and educational buildings of churches are covered by the new administrative rules on heating and cooling in public buildings, according to the Department of Energy. The rules, which went into effect on July 16, provide that a public building may not be cooled below 78 degrees Fahrenheit in the Summer and may not be heated above 65 degrees Fahrenheit in the Winter. The rules also provide that during the time that a building is to be unoccupied for a period of eight hours or more, the heating system must not be operated at all. Failure to comply could lead to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation. Any persons who willfully violates the rules may be subject to criminal penalties of up to \$10,000 for each violation.



CAMP ADAMS has a new pickup! (Actually, a new used pickup.) Seen here with the new vehicle is Resident Camp Manager, Harold Adkins. The new vehicle will save the Camp considerable fuel costs.



The Reverend Anne Smith and the Reverend Bill Tempest and Ann Tempest enjoyed conversation around the lunch table at Camp Adams when Retired Ministers, Spouses and Widows of ministers gathered recently for the annual gathering at Camp. Although the turnout was smaller this year than last, it was a lively group.



## NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH CONFERENCE OFFICE

### MISSION INTERPRETATION FILMSTRIP

"Yes, this we do!" is the title of the filmstrip and kit which describes clearly and graphically the work carried on by the national agencies of the United Church of Christ. Included in this audio-visual kit are the 160-frame color filmstrip, 21-minute record, ten posters, a mission quiz and the UCC 1980 and 1981 Budgets. Persons attending the Fall Conference Council have had the opportunity to preview this resource.

"Open My Eyes" is a new 16mm color film about the health ministries of Raj and Mabelle Arole, Indian medical doctors. The film catches the importance of the Comprehensive Rural Health Project that has changed the lives of thousands.

### GENERAL SYNOD 12

"Ready for the Spirit" is the title of the 13-minute color filmstrip with cassette which reports the highlights of the 12th General Synod.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

"The High School Circus" by Doug Brunner is a filmstrip about peer group pressure. Aimed at high school students, this resource attempts to help them examine their motivations for responding to peer group pressure, in the use of drugs and alcohol as well as in other things.

"The High School Circus" is a filmstrip with 107 frames incorporating the cartoon artistry by Doug Brunner so well known to Youth Magazine readers. A discussion guide accompanies the filmstrip and cassette.



**Alternative  
Christmas  
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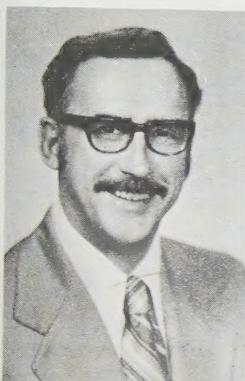
### LIFE STYLE ISSUE

Again this year the Conference Office has for sale the current (4th edition) Alternative Celebrations Catalogue which provides the users with life-supporting ways to celebrate Christmas, weddings, funerals, birthdays and other events leading toward a lifestyle of voluntary simplicity for human justice and world peace. The Catalogue can be ordered from the Conference Office for \$5.00 plus handling costs.

Also available is an Alternative Christmas Organizers Manual. The Manual provides help on how to get people involved, alternative Christmas-giving guide, an alternative Christmas festival, an alternative Santa Claus, help in dealing with the media and suggestions for beyond Christmas. The Manual is available for \$1.50 plus postage.

The resources are all available for scheduling or for purchase through the Conference Office.

## PSR PRESIDENT TO VISIT



Dr. Neely D. McCarter, newly-elected President of Pacific School of Religion, the UCC closely-related Seminary in the Western Region, will make a visit to Central Pacific Conference on November 30 meeting with clergy at a luncheon meeting and with laity at dinner.

Details of Dr. McCarter's visit will be sent to churches from PSR.

## NCC LEADER RESPONDS TO POPE'S STAND ON ORDINATION OF WOMEN

Dr. Claire Randall, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, responded today to Pope John Paul II's statement affirming the Roman Catholic Church's traditional stand against women in the priesthood.

"Neither the pope nor any of those who support his position can or do give any biblical or theological basis for their belief that God intended only for men to be priests," she said. "To me this is very significant."

"Though the pope insists this is not a human rights question, it seems to me that such a denial only makes matters worse, because it implies that where sacred things are concerned, women are somehow less valuable or have less standing than men."

"What he's saying is that women cannot have the same relationship to God that men can have, or that God cannot use them in the way He can use men."

"This is something that I and many women and men, both Protestant and Catholic, cannot accept."

Randall emphasized, however, that she had earlier expressed her support for many of the pope's other stands, particularly his calls for disarmament, human rights and religious freedom.

## The Local Scene

Kenneth Coates, former minister at Parkrose Community Church, Portland, now at Long Beach, California, recently received the "Clergy of the Year" award from the Long Beach Area Council of Churches.

A number of Conference churches have called interims to serve in their midst while they seek new leadership. The Rev. Walter McGettigan has been called to Corvallis, the Rev. Larry Gruman to Ashland, the Rev. Ed Cunningham to Pocatello and the Rev. Francis Kirk to Nampa.

Among Conference churches celebrating significant anniversaries during October were First Congregational, The Dalles, 120 years; The Congregational Church of Medford, 25 years; Second United Church of Christ, Portland, 75 years.

On Sunday, October 14, the Rev. Cathy Barker was installed as Minister of the United Church of Christ in Ione. Linda Elliott was ordained in Magnolia Congregational Church, Seattle, her home church, on October 28 and will be installed as Minister at Meridian United Church of Christ, Wilsonville, on November 11.

An up-dated list from SOAR (Sponsor Our Asian Refugees) indicates the following churches have sponsored or have an offer submitted for sponsorship of refugee families: The Dalles; Second UCC, Portland; Bethel Congregational, Beaverton; First Congregational, Eugene; 10 o'clock Church, Beavercreek; First Congregational Church, Medford; First Congregational Church, Salem; Meridian, Wilsonville; and Cedar Hills Community Church.

In celebration of the International Year of the Child, Community Church of Cedar Hills, Portland, sponsored a Festival of Children following worship. Each child in the Church School was invited to set up a display of hobbies and/or collections. Members of the congregation then visited the display area and talked with the children about their interests.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

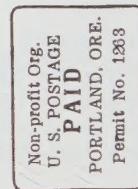
- 2-3: YOUTH CABINET  
- Community Church of Cedar Hills,  
Portland.
- 3: WOMEN'S BOARD  
- Community Church of Cedar Hills,  
Portland.
- 3: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATES PROG.  
- Interchurch Center, Portland.
- 5: EASTSIDE MINISTERS CLUSTER  
- Waverly Heights Church
- 6: WESTSIDE MINISTERSCLUSTER  
- First Cong'l. Church, Hillsboro
- 9-10: EMPOWERING THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY  
EVENT - Olympia, Washington.
- 30: PSR SEMINARY SUPPORT LUNCHEON  
FOR CLERGY  
- First Cong'l. Church, Portland.
- PSR SEMINARY SUPPORT DINNER  
FOR LAITY  
- First Christian Church, Portland
- Nov. 30,
- Dec. 1: CHURCH & MINISTRY DEPARTMENT  
- Interchurch Center, Portland.

### ADVANCE DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 2-5 WESTERN REGION WOMEN'S MTG.
- 7-8-9 YOUTH MIDWINTER  
- at Camp Adams
- Apr. 14-15-16 MINISTERS/SPOUSES  
POST EASTER RETREAT
- May 16-17-18 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
- First Cong'l., Eugene
- June 13-14 CONFERENCE OFFICERS ORIENTATION - at Camp Adams.
- Aug. 2-3-4 WOMEN'S RETREAT  
- at Pilgrim Cove

### No THANKSGIVING DINNER AT CAMP ADAMS

In order that the Camp staff and their families may make family plans for Thanksgiving, the Camp Adams Administration Committee voted not to sponsor another Thanksgiving Dinner at Camp this year.



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